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1. Karlovy Vary Civilian Airfield 5012N-1245E, Enclosure A, Point No. 17, located southeast of the city of Karlovy Vary, was 800 - 900 m. long (east-west) and 600 m. wide (north-south), at an elevation of 593 m. above sea level. This field was operated by one field director from the Ministry of Transport (Air Section), one CSA official, one weather man, and two CSA mechanics. All wore the dark blue CSA uniforms.
2. This airfield was open to air traffic only during the summer months (May to September). Winter snows and other bad weather closed the field mainly because of the lack of a radio let-down system. Another reason for closing the field was the presence of the wooded obstruction area Enclosure A, Point No. 47. The airfield was smooth, sloping from northwest to southeast, with natural drainage. The grass was well kept during the months of operation. Rains caused the grass runways to become slippery but not soggy and landings could be made as usual. The airfield was closed for several hours during summer mornings due to the ground fog which dissipated before noon.

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3. [] electricity and water were brought in directly from the city of Karlovy Vary. Fuel (for servicing of light aircraft only) was brought in from the city by truck. CSA aircraft did not refuel at this airfield. Passengers were furnished transportation to Karlovy Vary by a CSA bus. Employees used bicycles, etc., or a regularly scheduled bus which operated on the main highway, Enclosure A, Point No. 67.
4. [] light aircraft of the sport type at this field: two or three Sokol's, two CAP's, and other small models. Some of these were used by the National Security Corps (Sbor Narodni Bezpecnosti - SNB) for regular border patrols. The CSA used Siebel's, JU-52's, and an occasional C-47 for operation at this field.
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5. Basically a civilian airfield, the Czechoslovak Air Force began to move in during the [] Air Force personnel were transported in two Siebel-type aircraft. Upon the arrival of the Air Force, Air Force guards, armed with submachine guns, were stationed at various points throughout the field.

Enclosures:

- A. Overlay GSGS 4416, sheet T-7, 1:100,000, Tirschenreuth; pinpoint location of Karlovy Vary Airfield and other prominent landmarks.
- B. Memory Sketch of Karlovy Vary Airfield,

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